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SUBJECT: POPULATION GROWTH AND ADEQUATE FOOD PRODUCTION

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1. AMBASSADOR TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF HIS MAY 15 DINNER, ATTENDED BY SELECTED HIGH-RANKING GOS OFFICIALS, TO PROBE LOCAL OPINIONS ON FOOD/POPULATION ISSUE. ONE GUEST, GEOGRAPHER DAUGHTER OF EX-AMBASSADOR TO U.S., SUPPORTED AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT POPULATION SIDE OF ISSUE WARRANTED ATTENTION IN FOOD-DEFICIT SWAZILAND. PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR COMMERCE AND COOPERATIVES CONCURRED. HOWEVER, PERMANENT SECRETARY FOR AGRICULTURE STRONGLY DISAGREED, SAYING THAT GOS WAS "ALREADY DOING THE BEST WE CAN IN AGRICULTURE" AND THAT POPULATION ASPECT WAS NONE OF OUTSIDERS' BUSINESS.

2. LATTER'S SENSITIVITY ON POPULATION MATTERS IS SURPRISING IN VIEW OF GOS' OWN STATED POLICY IN SECOND NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN: "TO CREATE A SITUATION WITHIN WHICH A SUBSTANTIAL MODERATION IN THE RATE OF POPULATION GROWTH CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHIN A REASONABLE PERIOD." WHILE POLICY IS NOT IMPLEMENTED AS EFFECTIVELY AS IT MIGHT BE, IT IS NEVERTHELESS WIDELY ADVERTISED THROUGH ILLUSTRATED POSTERS PROMOTING FAMILY PLANNING.

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3. AMBASSADOR WROTE TO PRIME MINISTER ON FOOD/POPULATION ISSUE MAY 16, DRAWING ON REFTEL AND SIGNALING HIS DESIRE TO PURSUE FURTHER WITH PRIMIN DURING NEXT VISIT TO SWAZILAND.
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